

## REMARKS

### *Status of the Application*

The Applicants submitted a *Notice of Appeal* on October 5, 2005. In response, the Examiner mailed an *Examiner's Answer*, on May 18, 2006. The Applicants submit herewith a *Request for Continued Examination* in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114. In that regard, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the appeal in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114(d), enter the above-referenced claim amendments, and consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. In the Examiner's *Final Office Action*, mailed May 5, 2005, the Examiner rejected to claims 1, 4, 6, and 9-11 as obvious pursuant to 35 USC § 103(a). Under the subtitle "Allowable Subject Matter", the Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants herein amend claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

### *Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)*

#### **Claims 1, 4, 6, and 9-11**

Claims 1, 4, 6, and 9-11 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,345,239 issued to Bowman-Amuah in view of "Oracle Intelligent Agent User's Guide", Oracle Corporation, Release 8.1.7, PN A85251-01, September 2000. Without comment or admission as to the merits of any or all rejections, claims 1, 4, 6, 9-11 are cancelled herein.

### *Objections of the Claims*

#### **Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8**

Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants herein amend claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 in accordance with the Examiner's comments. The Applicants believe the present application is now in condition for allowance and request the issuance of a *Notice of Allowance*.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the amendments to claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8. The Applicants contend that claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8, as amended, are now allowable over the cited references. The Applicants therefore respectfully request a *Notice of Allowance*. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the present amendment and arguments, the Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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